

House Resolution No. 2094

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School sponsors a boys basketball program whose 2007-2008 team earned a 28-4 win-loss record and captured the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 3 state trophy; and

Whereas, the Maplewood-Richmond Heights boys basketball Blue Devils took the school's first-ever First Place in state basketball competition by defeating Lutheran North High School by a score of 56-55 in Mizzou Arena; and

Whereas, during the closely fought game, the Blue Devils were down by 16 points at the half and came back to win with four seconds left on the clock; and

Whereas, on their way to the state championship, the Blue Devils became the South Central Athletic Association Conference champions with an undefeated 12-0 record and handed Head Coach Corey Frazier his 100th career win in a January 4, 2008 game against Hancock; and

Whereas, in his seventh season as head coach at Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Corey Frazier was joined in his efforts by assistant coaches John Redden, Spencer Taylor, and Theresa Brown; and

Whereas, the 2007-2008 Maplewood-Richmond Heights Blue Devils consisted of Bryant Allen, Travis Howard, Jr., Patrick Drake, Calvin Belts, Jr., Les Williams, Jr., Bryton Hobbs, Darryl Davis, Darris Washington, Tony King, Gevoni Eley, and Taylor Jordan; and

Whereas, individual honors were garnered by Class 3 Coach of the Year Corey Frazier; Conference Player of the Year, 1st Team All-State, and 2nd Team All-Metro player Bryant Allen; 1st Team All-Conference and 2nd Team All-State player Travis Howard; and 2nd Team All-Conference player Les Williams:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the season-long accomplishments garnered by the Maplewood-Richmond Heights boys basketball Blue Devils and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon earning the title of 2007-2008 Class 3 state champions; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School boys basketball program.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2094, adopted April 22, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker